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In that case, the defendant is charged with a violation(s) of Title(s) 18 & 20 United States Code, Section(s) 371, 1343 and 2; and 1097(a) . Description of Charges: Pell Grant Fraud and Wire Fraud and conspiracy to commit same. Respectfully Submitted, JOSEPH P. RUSSONIELLO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY Date: August 4, 2008 ssistant U.S. Attorney

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DOE/016702080 AO 442 (Rev. 5/93) Warrant for Arrest United States District Court SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER CASE NUMBER: MAGICTRATE JUDGE To: The United States Marshall SIMONTON and any Authorized United States Officer HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest and bring him or her forthwith to the nearest magistrate judge to answer a(n) ☐ Indictment ☐ Information ☐ Complaint ☐ Order of court charging him or her with (brief description of offense) Pell Grant Fraud and Wire Fraud, and conspiracy to commit same, 371, 1343, and 2; and United States Code, Section(s) in violation of Title 20 United States Code, Section 1097(a) COURT ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK OF COURT **CLARENCE MADDOX** Name of Issuing Officer Name of Judicial Officer RETURN This warrant was received and executed with the arrest of the above-named defendant at DATÉ RECEIVED NAME AND TITLE OF ARRESTING OFFICER SIGNATURE OF ARRESTING OFFICER DATE OF ARREST

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BOND RECOMMENDATION

DEFENDANT: HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER
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By: CHRISTOPHER J/ CLARK ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
Last Known Address: 7945 LaSalle Boulevard
Miramar, Florida 33023
What Facility:
Agent(s): S/A MORAIMA RYSKIND, Department of Education, Office of Inspector General
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

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CASE NO:

18 U.S.C. §371 20 U.S.C. §1097(a) 18 U.S.C. §1343 18 U.S.C. §2

MAGTER ATE JUDGE SIMONTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO, MARIA ESTHER MENA, and HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER,

Defendants.

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

At all times material to this Indictment:

THE PELL GRANT PROGRAM

- 1. The United States Department of Education ("Department of Education") was a department and agency of the United States responsible for, among other things, the management, oversight and distribution of federal student financial aid funds.
- 2. The Pell Grant Program ("Pell" or "Pell Grant Program") is a federally funded educational financial aid program administered by the Department of Education under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 ("Title IV"). The purpose of the Pell Grant Program is to provide financial aid to low-income students enrolled in eligible institutions of higher education. Student eligibility for a Pell grant is determined in part by an analysis of the financial condition of the student, the student's family (if the student is a dependent), and the student's spouse (if married).



Educational institutions participating in the Pell Grant Program receive and disburse grant funds on behalf of eligible students.

- 3. The Miami Technical Institute ("Miami Technical"), located at 14701 N.W. 7th Avenue, Miami, Florida, was a private vocational school that offered post-secondary education, including several non-degree programs in health care and business. Miami Technical was approved by the Department of Education to participate in the Pell Grant Program.
- 4. To apply for a Pell grant, a student at Miami Technical was required to complete and sign a Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA"), which contained specific information about the student's financial condition, including, among other things, the current marital status of the student and the student's parents (if the student is a dependent), the student's family size, the income tax filing status of the student and the student's parents for the relevant tax year, and the income earned by the student, the student's spouse (if married) and the student's parents (hereafter collectively referred to as the "student financial information").
- 5. The FAFSA, once completed by the student, was transmitted via wire communication utilizing a computer modem by an employee at Miami Technical's Financial Aid Office to an independent contractor in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, known as Financial Aid Management for Education ("FAME"), which forwarded the information via interstate wires utilizing a computer modem to the Department of Education's Central Processor ("Central Processor"), located in Iowa City, Iowa.
- 6. The Central Processor used the information on the FAFSA to create an Institutional Student Information Record ("ISIR") for each student applicant. The Central Processor then returned the ISIR via interstate wires utilizing a computer modem to FAME, which then forwarded the ISIR via modem to Miami Technical for verification and signature by the student. The Central Processor also mailed a Student Aid Report Information Acknowledgment ("SAR") directly to the student via the United States mail. The ISIR and SAR included a printout of the information reported on the FAFSA.

- 7. After determining the amount of Pell funds the student was eligible to receive, Miami Technical credited the student's account with the appropriate amount of Pell funds. Miami Technical then forwarded to FAME all documents required to process Pell disbursements. FAME then packaged and mailed to the Department of Education the supporting documentation required for the school to be reimbursed for each student, specifically listing the students for which it sought reimbursement of Pell funds, confirming the students' actual attendance and their eligibility to receive Pell funds, and the actual amount of Pell funds the students had received.
- 8. Upon the Department of Education's review and approval of the supporting documentation, the Department of Education wire transferred the Pell funds to a designated account maintained by Miami Technical for the receipt of federal funds. These funds were then transferred to Miami Technical's operating account and used to pay for the student's tuition and other fees.

THE DEFENDANTS

- 9. Defendant JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO was employed as an Admissions Representative at Miami Technical from at least in or around August 1994 through December 2000. As an Admissions Representative, defendant JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO enrolled and recruited students to attend Miami Technical. Defendant JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO directed students at Miami Technical who sought to participate in the Pell Grant Program to provide false financial information to Miami Technical for submission to the Department of Education.
- 10. Defendant MARIA ESTHER MENA was employed as an Admissions Representative at Miami Technical from at least in or around July 1994 through December 2000. As an Admissions Representative, defendant MARIA ESTHER MENA enrolled and recruited students to attend Miami Technical. Defendant MARIA ESTHER MENA directed students at Miami Technical who sought to participate in the Pell Grant Program to provide false financial information to Miami Technical for submission to the Department of Education.
- 11. Defendant **HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER** was employed as an Admissions Representative at Miami Technical from at least in or around September 1996 through mid-1999.

As an Admissions Representative, defendant HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER enrolled and recruited students to attend Miami Technical. Defendant HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER directed students at Miami Technical who sought to participate in the Pell Grant Program to provide false financial information to Miami Technical for submission to the Department of Education.

COUNT 1 (Conspiracy)

- 12. The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 11 of the General Allegations Section are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 13. From in or around July 1994, and continuing through in or around December 2000, at Miami, Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO, MARIA ESTHER MENA, and HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER,

did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, confederate and agree with each other and with others, known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to commit the following offenses against the United States:

- (a) to violate Title 20, United States Code, Section 1097(a), by obtaining by fraud and false statements, funds, assets, and property provided under Subchapter IV of Chapter 28 of Title 20, United States Code, that is, Pell Grant funds; and
- (b) to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, by knowingly and willfully devising a scheme and artifice to defraud, and to obtain money by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, and transmitting writings, signs, signals, pictures, and sounds by means of wire communication affecting interstate commerce.

PURPOSE AND OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY

14. It was the purpose and object of the conspiracy for the defendants to enrich themselves through bonuses and/or commissions, which were based on the number of students they had recruited and qualified for the Pell Grant Program.

MANNER AND MEANS

- 15. It was a part of the conspiracy for defendants JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO, MARIA ESTHER MENA, and HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER to meet with students and advise them that Pell Grant funds were available to low-income individuals to help pay for a portion of their tuition.
- It was a part of the conspiracy for defendants JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO, MARIA ESTHER MENA, and HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER to assist and encourage numerous students at Miami Technical, who did not qualify to receive Pell Grant funds, to provide false student financial information on the FAFSA. Defendants JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO, MARIA ESTHER MENA, and HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER would at times encourage students to declare that their parents had not filed a federal income tax return for the relevant tax year; or that the student, the student's spouse and/or the student's parents had little or no income for the relevant tax year; or that the student was independent from, and received no support from, his/her parents.
- 17. It was a part of the conspiracy for defendants JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO, MARIA ESTHER MENA, and HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER to instruct students to submit false financial information to Miami Technical's Financial Aid Officer, who would assist students in completing the FAFSA and include the false financial information provided by the students. 1
- 18. It was a further part of the conspiracy for defendants JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO, MARIA ESTHER MENA, and HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER to receive a bonus or commission based on the number of students they had recruited and qualified for the Pell Grant Program.

- 19. Through the aforementioned conduct, defendant JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO caused approximately \$72,617.00 of Pell Grant funds to be disbursed from September 1994 to November 2000 to students who submitted false financial information on their FAFSAs.
- 20. Through the aforementioned conduct, defendant MARIA ESTHER MENA caused approximately \$45,590.00 of Pell Grant funds to be disbursed from July 1994 to March 2000 to students who submitted false financial information on their FAFSAs.
- 21. Through the aforementioned conduct, defendant **HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER** caused approximately \$46,175.00 of Pell Grant funds to be disbursed from September 1996 to March 2000 to students who submitted false financial information on their FAFSAs.

OVERT ACTS

- 22. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, at least one of the co-conspirators committed or caused to be committed in the Southern District of Florida and elsewhere, at least one of the following overt acts, among others:
- A. On or about May 23, 1997, defendant JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO advised student R.M. to write a letter falsely stating that she lived alone and was self-sufficient.
- B. On or about June 13, 1997, defendant MARIA ESTHER MENA advised student S.M. to understate her income for 1996 on the FAFSA.
- C. On or about August 25, 1997, defendant MARIA ESTHER MENA advised student N.F. to understate her income for 1996 on the FAFSA.
- D. On or about September 25, 1997, defendant HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER caused student S.S. to sign a FAFSA that falsely stated that she did not file an income tax return for 1996 and understated her income for that year.
- E. On or about December 4, 1997, defendants MARIA ESTHER MENA and HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER jointly advised student M.B. to lie about her marital status and to understate her 1996 income on the FAFSA.

- F. On or about January 8, 1998, defendant **HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER** advised student K.U. to write a letter falsely stating that she did not file an income tax return for 1996 and that she did not know the whereabouts of her parents.
- G. On or about September 21, 1998, defendant JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO advised student P.M. to falsely claim on the FAFSA that she did not file an income tax return for 1997 and to understate her income.
- H. On or about October 27, 1997, defendant MARIA ESTHER MENA caused the Department of Education to pay approximately \$1,350 in Pell Grant funds to Miami Technical on behalf of student N.F.
- I. On or about November 20, 1997, defendant HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER caused the Department of Education to pay approximately \$1,350 in Pell Grant funds to Miami Technical on behalf of student S.S.
- J. On or about December 19, 1997, defendant JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO caused the Department of Education to pay approximately \$1,350 in Pell Grant funds to Miami Technical on behalf of student R.M.
- K. On or about March 11, 1998, defendants MARIA ESTHER MENA and HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER caused the Department of Education to pay approximately \$1,350 in Pell Grant funds to Miami Technical on behalf of student M.B.
- L. On or about March 11, 1998, defendant HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER caused the Department of Education to pay approximately \$1,350 in Pell Grant funds to Miami Technical on behalf of student K.U.
- M. On or about November 17, 1998, defendant JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO caused the Department of Education to pay approximately \$1,500.00 in Pell Grant funds to Miami Technical on behalf of student P.M.

- On or about December 11, 1997, defendants MARIA ESTHER MENA and O. HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER caused an ISIR to be transmitted by means of wire communication from Iowa City, Iowa, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on behalf of student M.B.
- P. On or about January 16, 1998, defendant HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER caused an ISIR to be transmitted by means of wire communication from Iowa City, Iowa, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on behalf of student K.U.
- On or about October 5, 1998, defendant JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO Q. caused an ISIR to be transmitted by means of wire communication from Iowa City, Iowa, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on behalf of student P.M.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

COUNTS 2-7 (Pell Grant Fraud)

- The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 11 of the General Allegations Section of 1. Count 1 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- On or about the dates listed as to each count below, at Miami, Miami-Dade County, 2. in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO, MARIA ESTHER MENA, and HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER,

did knowingly and willfully obtain by fraud and false statement, funds, assets, and property provided under Subchapter IV of Chapter 28 of Title 20, United States Code, namely Pell Grant funds, as set forth below:

COUNT	DEFENDANT	APPROXIMATE DATE	AMOUNT RECEIVED	STUDENT
2	MARIA ESTHER MENA	10/27/97	\$1,350	N.F.
3	HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER	11/20/97	\$1,350	S.S.
4	JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO	12/19/97	\$1,350	R.M.
5	MARIA ESHER MENA and HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER	3/11/98	\$1,350	M.B.
6	HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER	3/11/98	\$1,350	K.U.
7	JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO	11/17/98	\$1.500	P.M.

All in violation of Title 20, United States Code, Section 1097(a), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNTS 8-11 (Wire Fraud)

- 1. The allegations of Paragraphs 1 through 11 of the General Allegations Section of Count 1 are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. On or about the dates listed as to each count below, at Miami, Miami-Dade County, in the Southern District of Florida, and elsewhere, the defendants,

JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO, MARIA ESTHER MENA, and HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER,

did knowingly and willfully devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money, that is, Pell Grant funds, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, knowing that the pretenses, representations and promises were false and fraudulent when made.

SCHEME AND ARTIFICE TO DEFRAUD

3. It was part of the scheme and artifice to defraud for the defendants to obtain Pell Grant funds for students enrolled at Miami Technical through the submission of false student financial information and documents to the Department of Education.

USE OF WIRE COMMUNICATIONS

4. On or about the dates listed below as to each count, for the purpose of executing said scheme and artifice to defraud and to obtain money by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, the defendants,

JAIME BAUDELINO HURTADO, MARIA ESTHER MENA, and HENRY ROBERT JEAN LEGER,

transmitted and caused to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate commerce writings, as set forth below:

COUNT	APPROXIMATE DATE	WIRE COMMUNICATION
8	11/10/97	Computer transmission of ISIR via modem from Iowa City, Iowa, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on behalf of student R.M.
9	12/11/97	Computer transmission of ISIR via modem from Iowa City, Iowa, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on behalf of student M.B.
10	1/16/98	Computer transmission of ISIR via modem from Iowa City, Iowa, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on behalf of student K.U.
11	10/5/98	Computer transmission of ISIR via modem from Iowa City, Iowa, to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on behalf of student P.M.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1343 and 2.

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